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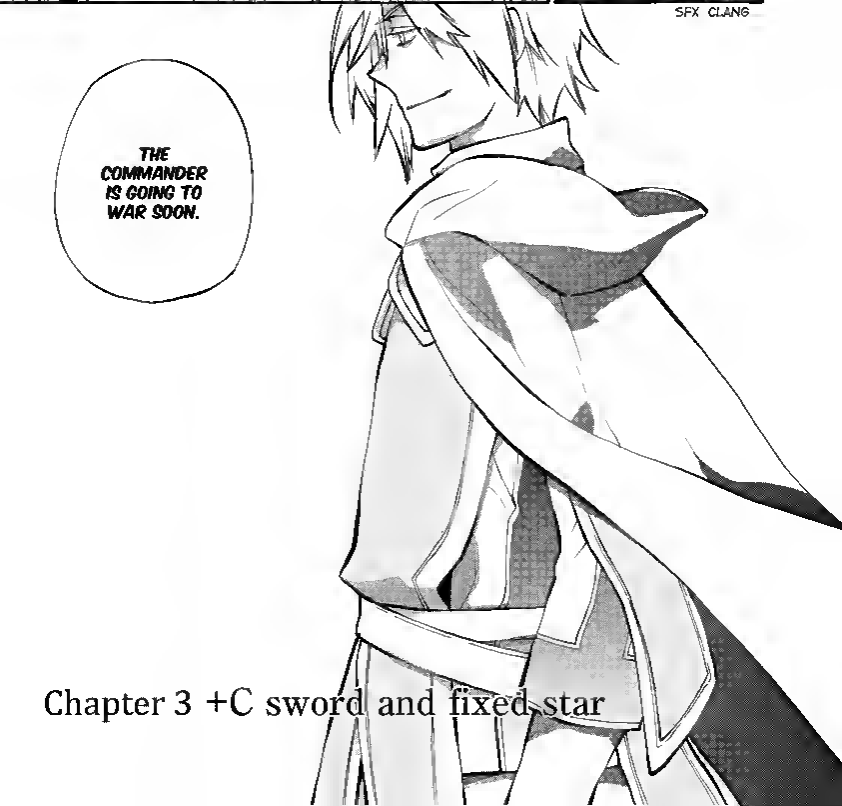

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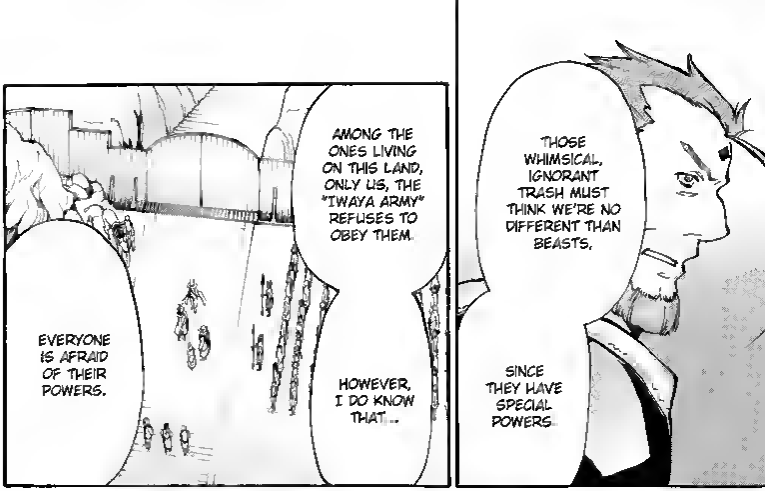
SON IN LAW
TAP
SFX WHOOSH
TO THINK I'M THE COMMANDER
OF THESE LAME SOLDIERS... WELL, THEY'RE NOT TOO BAD.

CHIEF,
ISN'T IT TOO FAST TO CALL ME THAT?
IT'S NOT TOO FAST! YOU'LL BECOME ONE SOON.
IN THE END, YOU'RE GOING TO THE FRONT LINES...
I GUESS THERE WASN'T ANY USE TRYING TO STOP YOU

WELL... HEARING SUCH A PRAISE ABOUT YOU, MANY PEOPLE GATHERED, AND THE RANKS INCREASED.
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU LET SOMEONE ELSE BE THE VANGUARD?
MY, MY
YOUR PASSION FOR WAR IS REALLY TROUBLE-
HOWEVER,
I AM GOING TO TAKE BACK THE WORLD FROM THE DEMONS, AND RETURN IT TO HUMANS.
IF THE PEOPLE DON'T SEE ME... THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN DOING THIS
"DEMON" IS INDEED A NAME THAT SUITS THEM,
THEY ACT AS IF THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW THE WORLD.


AMONG THE ONES LIVING ON THIS LAND, ONLY US, THE "IWAYA ARMY" REFUSES TO OBEY THEM.
EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF THEIR POWERS.
HOWEVER, I DO KNOW THAT...
THOSE WHIMSICAL, IGNORANT TRASH MUST THINK WE'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN BEASTS,
SINCE THEY HAVE SPECIAL POWERS.

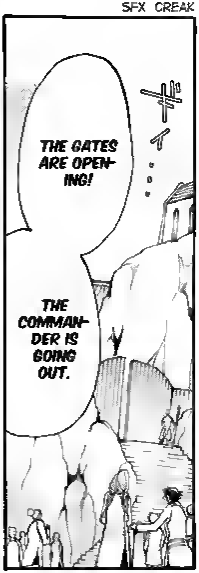
THEY,
ARE NOT ABSOLUTE!

WE COULD NOT EVEN CLEAR THE FORESTS AND MAKE NEW FARM-LANDS
WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WE COULD NOT SPREAD THEIR POWER, OR FIGHT IN OTHER COLONIES
THAT WAS WHY WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY THEM...

THE OTHERS WILL SOON REALIZE THAT
JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO LEFT THEIR HOMELANDS TO COME HERE,
HOWEVER, YOU KEPT SUPPORT-ING US

YEAH.
OKAY, LET'S GO.

SFX CREAK


THE GATES ARE OPENING!
THE COMMANDER IS GOING OUT.

UM...
EXCUSE ME!

I-I PRAYED TO THE SPIRITS OF THE STARS AND WIND, HOPING THEY WOULD PROTECT YOU...
REITZ-SAMA! I MADE THE MINERAL YOU GAVE ME A WHILE AGO INTO A NECKLACE PLEASE TAKE IT WITH YOU!

tap
tap
tap
tap
PLEASE WAIT!!
OH, KIA— WHAT IS IT?

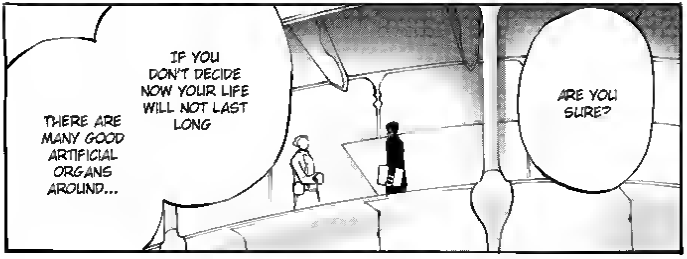
I SEE.
THEN I WILL KEEP IT WI—
You did something like that? So stupid.

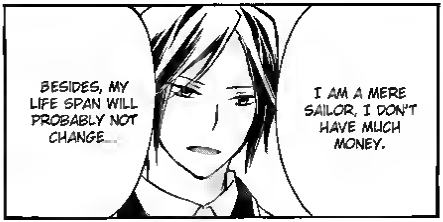
THIS IS...
Oh right... I gave it to her because I thought I didn't need it anymore
STELLA MARIS.

ROVISCO...
HEY,
だいじょ
ROVISCO...?
The first time I went to sea,
STELLA MARIS, IT'S A STAR THAT PROTECTS VOYAGES
was the first time
I saw stars with my own two eyes.

Reitz grew up in the underground
To him, stars were only something that existed in stories
He had no way of knowing
what was above the clouds of the country

Tri Cantina Year 2885
WHAT DID YOU SAY?


ARE YOU SURE?
IF YOU DON'T DECIDE NOW YOUR LIFE WILL NOT LAST LONG
THERE ARE MANY GOOD ARTIFICIAL ORGANS AROUND...


I AM A MERE SAILOR, I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY.
BESIDES, MY LIFE SPAN WILL PROBABLY NOT CHANGE...

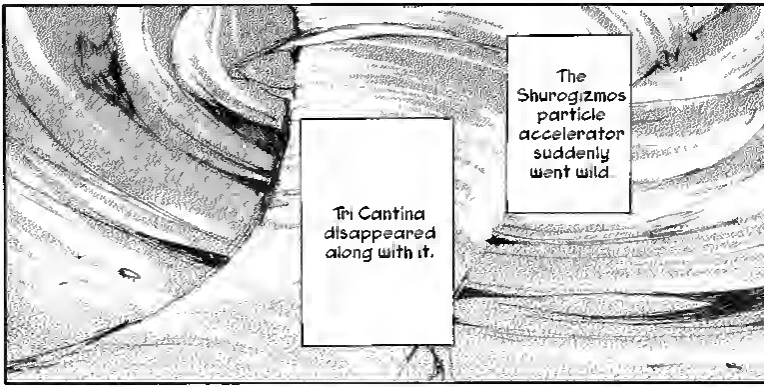
YOU CAN SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL YOUNG
YOU ARE THE SON OF CAPTAIN CELSIUS!!
IF YOU WANT, I CAN GIVE YOU MONEY!

SO CAN YOU RETURN TO THE ARMY?
I AM NOT SUITED TO BE A SOLDIER.

This world is slowly dying.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR REITZ
FOR SOME REASON..
I... HAVE COME TO LIKE AZELPRADE.
ARE... ARE YOU SURE?
SOME MIGHT SAY I'M JUST RUNNING AWAY... I JUST DON'T WANT TO RIDE A SHIP JUST TO FIGHT OTHER HUMANS
I REFUSED HIM.
I'LL CONTINUE TO STAY ON AZELPRADE FROM NOW ON
ALSO,
However, we cannot live without the large amount of energy it produces.
The Shurogizmos particle accelerator is extremely dangerous.

Without the particle accelerator none of that would have been possible.
Even so, humans used the essence of their technology to create things like artificial organs and limbs to compensate for their lifespan.
The lifespan of the people with the sickness where the gene that is in charge of controlling cell division malfunctions has become 60% shorter compared to a century ago
However to many people, it is something they can never get, no matter how hard they work for it
Also,
It was exactly a "dream-like" technology
The birthrate is significantly lowered because of the abrasion of the gene that controls reproduction
Then,
once Revisco Celsius was appointed as the captain of the transport ship, Azelprade
Captain...
Go towards the mainland

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN TERRIBLE DAMAGE AT LIOVAN ... ONE THIRD OF THE PEOPLE PASSED AWAY, AND THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS IN CHAOS
MOST OF TRI-CANTINA'S LAND HAS DISAP-PEARED
WE HAVE PICKED UP THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, LIOVAN'S SIGNAL


The Shurogizmos particle accelerator suddenly went wild.
Tri Cantina disappeared along with it.

THE SHIP'S VOYAGE IS DANGEROUS I HAVE TO GIVE OUT ANTI-ANXIETY AGENTS
BUT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH OF IT...
SFX CLANG

Why... why did this have to happen?
Ker-shak
I've never heard of an entire country disappearing at once!
Ker-shak
My sister is going to give birth... I have to go back... to help... quickly...

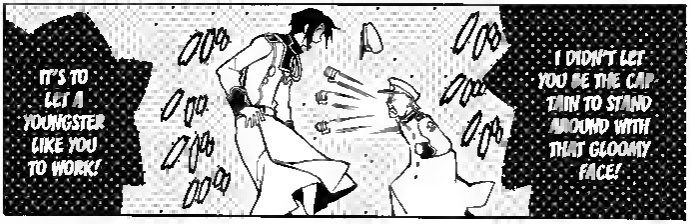
SFX CLANG
WHERE ARE THE INJURED? OVER THERE?
EVERY-ONE! STAY STRONG!

IT SHOULD ALSO BE EASIER TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE CREATURES IN SEA.
THERE IS NO PROBLEM HERE.
IT'S JUST A SMALL WOUND THAT SHOULD RECOVER QUICKLY
CAPTAIN!
I HEARD ABOUT THE ACCIDENT ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SFX: CLANG
WITH THIS, WE SHOULD BE STRONGER IN THE STORM.
AZELPRADE HAS SAFELY MET UP WITH THE SHIPS THAT WERE SAILING NEAR MEDIA AND MORGAN
BUT... CAPTAIN...
WHAT GOOD WILL HAPPEN EVEN IF WE SURVIVE THIS?
Our port... our country...
IT'S GONE!!

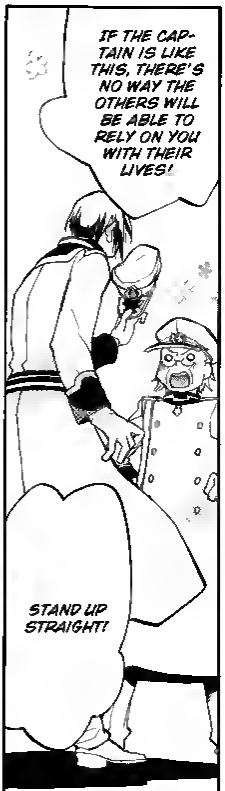
WHAT GOOD WILL HAPPEN EVEN IF WE LIVE,
HUH
CAPTAIN!
THERE'S A SIGNAL FROM MEDIA! I'LL CONNECT IT TO THE SECOND LINE.
IT'S AN EMERGENCY, WE HAVE NO CHOICE
SHOULDN'T THE LIMITED RESOURCES WE HAVE BE USED ON THE CREW INSTEAD OF THE PRISONERS?
WHAT...
KILL ALL THE PRISONERS? WHY?!
HOWEVER...
THE WAVES GOT LARGER
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG, I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW OUR DECISION
THE RESOURCES WILL BE MANAGED BY ALL THREE SHIPS AND WILL BE USED STRICTLY
IF YOU REFUSE TO THROW AWAY THE PRISONERS, I'LL HAVE AZELPRADE LEAVE THE FLEET.
IT'S A GOOD TIMING, RIGHT? EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE, OUR OPINIONS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

ARE THEY NOT PEOPLE!? THEN, THEY SHOULD LIVE!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE SHOULDN'T KILL THEM!
THE PRISONERS... THEY ARE CRIMINALS. BUT THEY ARE HERE TO RETURN TO THE SOCIETY AS PROPER HUMANS ONE DAY!
A SOCIETY TO GO BACK TO... I WONDER WHERE IT IS. WE HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH THIS FIRST.
...CELSIUS-KUN... THAT'S A SHAME
I HOPE MEDIA AND MORGAN .....
HAVE A SAFE VOYAGE.

SFX TAP
VICE CAPTAIN
I HEARD THE WIRELESS CALL THROUGH THE PHONE IN THE MACHINERY ROOM. AFTER THAT, I CAN'T STAY CALM AND FIX THE CANNONS!
HEY!
THE CAPTAIN SHOULDN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF FACE ON THE BRIDGE!
Is this what I should have done?
FROM NOW ON, IT'S UP TO US TO CONNECT TRI CANTINA'S YESTERDAY TO TOMORROW.
WE DON'T KNOW IF YOUR CHOICE WAS THE RIGHT ONE UNTIL WE TRY,
BUT... NOW THAT OUR COUNTRY IS GONE...
Or... as the captain, should I have thought this over more calmly?
VICE CAPTAIN...
LET'S PUFF UP OUR CHESTS, AND STAY AS 'HUMANS' WHO CAN KEEP FACING FORWARD!
SO WHEN THE SUN COMES UP,


IT'S TO LET A YOUNGSTER LIKE YOU TO WORK!
I DIDN'T LET YOU BE THE CAPTAIN TO STAND AROUND WITH THAT GLOOMY FACE!

ROGER!
VICE CAPTAIN.


IF THE CAPTAIN IS LIKE THIS, THERE'S NO WAY THE OTHERS WILL BE ABLE TO RELY ON YOU WITH THEIR LIVES!
STAND UP STRAIGHT!

OOPS! THE SECRET BOSS APPEARED!
IF YOU TWO KEEP GOING ON LIKE THIS, WE WON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IS THE CAPTAIN!
ぷく
HEY~

WHAT HAPPENED?
PEOPLE ARE LAUGHING AT THE BRIDGE .?
?

IT'S A BROADCAST FROM THE CAPTAIN!
THIS IS... CAPTAIN ROVISCO FROM THE BRIDGE.
EVERYONE .. I WANT YOU ALL TO LISTEN CAREFULLY.
THIS SHIP WILL NOW GO ON A VOYAGE TO FIND A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN LIVE.
IT'S A VOYAGE THAT WILL CONNECT THE ALL LIVES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP IN TRI CANTINA.
TOWARDS TOMOR-ROW!

YOU GONNA TAKE ME AND TURN ME INTO FOOD?
The storm of death that attack the stars in the skies will soon come upon us.
I WANT YOU TO ANSWER ME DO YOU WANT TO DIE SLOWLY ON AN ISLAND, OR—
Knowing nothing about what is up ahead,
Reitz took one step forwards as a Hero King.
RISK YOUR LIFE WITH US, AND FIND A PLACE TO LIVE?!

APPARENTLY IT'S GONNA BE SUNNY THE WHOLE DAY
BRING OUT ALL THE SOLAR PANELS! THE OLD ONES TOO!
Woah!!!
HEY! DON'T COVER IT!
JUST TAKE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, BALDIE
I CAN ONLY HANG STUFF WHEN THERE'S A LINE
WE'RE GIVING FRESH WATER TO THE ONES WHO ARE DONE!
THE ONES WHO ARE FIGHTING CAN HAVE THE WARM WATER. EVERYONE ELSE CAN HAVE COLD WATER!
OLD MAN! DON'T DO THAT TO ME!
We can see the sun!!!
THE PRISONERS HAVE GOTTEN USED TO THE SUN LIGHT IN THE SEA...
YEP
BUT... I DIDN'T THINK THIS WOULD HAPPEN

SFX: RELAXED
HM? ISN'T THAT REITZ? IS IT OKAY FOR HIM TO COME OUT OF THE MEDICAL ROOM?
WASN'T HE BITTEN BY THE THIRD TYPE OF SNAKE THE OTHER DAY?
HE'S REALLY STRONG... IS IT BETTER FOR HUMANS NOT TO BE RAISED IN CLEAN PLACES...?
BUT SOMEHOW AZELPRADE SEEMS LIKE A SMALL VILLAGE
WE DON'T HAVE A DESTINATION... WE'RE JUST FLOATING AROUND WHILE AVOIDING THE SEA CREATURE'S NEST
TIP...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A SIMPLE LIFESTYLE, I STILL WANT TO PROTECT IT...
WE CAN GET ELECTRICITY USING THE SOLAR PANELS, AND WE ONLY USE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT... FOR FOOD, WE FISH AND RELY ON THE GREENHOUSE IN THE SHIP. ALL WE EAT IS SIMPLE THINGS
BUT,
sits up
TCH, SHUT UP!
ALSO... DON'T STARE AT THE SUN TOO MUCH, YOU'LL HURT YOUR EYES.
REITZ, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M FROM A RICH PLACE LIKE YOU WITH A STRONG ROBOT-LIKE BODY
I'LL STOP.

BESIDES, THE MACHINES WEREN'T ORIGINALLY MADE FOR STRENGTHENING HUMANS. THEY WERE MADE FOR TREATMENT AND INCREASING LIFESPANS-
WOAH!!!
THERE ARE GUYS WITH MACHINES ON THEIR ENTIRE BODY RIGHT?
I KNOW THAT SOME SOLDIERS HAVE ROBOT ARMS!
WELL, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO USE IT LIKE THAT BUT WITHOUT THE ACCELERATOR, IT WON'T WORK.
SFX: WHOOSH
OF COURSE YOU DON'T!
IF YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT, THEN WHY DID YOU COME SAVE ME?
I HAVE A FLESHY BODY...
...NO?
SFX: WOBBLING

TUG
TUG
TUG
COME HERE FOR A BIT!!!
IT'S A HUGE ONE!!

tiny *
HEY CAPTAIN, COME HELP TOO!!!
IT'S DINNER!!!
SFX DASH
SFX TAP
O...
OKAY!

WHAAT, THIS LITTLE FOR EACH PERSON? IT WAS SUCH A BIG FISH!
ALSO, THIS THING CALLED BEAN-SPROUT THAT COMES OUT EVERY TIME IS ANNOYING
IT'S THE BEST WE'VE EATEN SO FAR! WE GOT 3 MEALS TOO.
IT'S FUNNY HOW THIS SHIP WENT FROM BEING AN EXILE SHIP FILLED WITH TRASH TO A PLACE LIKE A FAIRY TALE.
A 'FAIRY TALE'? YOU SEEM TO HAVE BECOME ALL CUTE AND DREAMY.
ARE YOU STUPID?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING, "HERO KING"

Really not a robot?
Was he...
SFX TAP TAP
He...
Was a lot lighter than the robot police.
Is he human like me?
HEY! GIVE IT BACK! EVEN IF YOU LOOKED AT IT YOU WOULDN'T...
DAMMIT IT'S FILLED WITH 'WORDS', SO BORING!
...REITZ.
OH!
HEY, MEDICAL DIRECTOR!
SFX GRAB
Hey...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? LET ME SEE

SFX. LIFTS
HM, A STAR AND A MOON
I SEE, THAT'S REALLY POETIC, REITZ
CAPTAIN!
OHH... THAT'S A PLUS SIGN AND THE LETTER 'C'. IT'S JUST A SIGN!
glance
HEY, DIRECTOR! IS IT A STAR AND A MOON?
HMM? WHAT'S THIS BLURRY THING? IT'S A DRAWING RIGHT?
SFX. SLIIIDE
WOAH, WHAT?! SO GROSS! DON'T COME NEAR ME YOU CREEP!!!
IT'S ONE OF YOUR STRONG POINTS, REITZ.
I LIKE HOW STRAIGHT-FORWARD YOUR SENSI-BILITY IS
YES
I'LL DO THAT, CORNELIA, DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME?
HA HA,

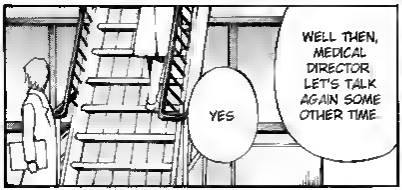
"Something different from me" is living there for a very long time.

"something" with a robotic body.

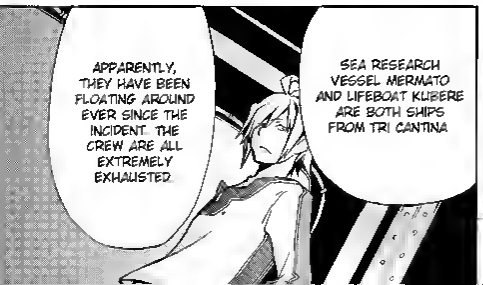
Above the clouds,

REITZ!
BE CAREFUL! THANKS TO YOU, THE SHIP IS FINE!

If he has a robotic body, it won't be dangerous at all.
He saved me in the ocean because it was easy for him


WELL THEN, MEDICAL DIRECTOR LET'S TALK AGAIN SOME OTHER TIME
YES

CAP-TAIN!
I FINALLY FOUND YOU... JUST NOW, WE RECEIVED A MAYDAY.
PLEASE HURRY TO THE BRIDGE!


APPARENTLY, THEY HAVE BEEN FLOATING AROUND EVER SINCE THE INCIDENT. THE CREW ARE ALL EXTREMELY EXHAUSTED.
SEA RESEARCH VESSEL MERMATO AND LIFEBOAT KUBERE ARE BOTH SHIPS FROM TRI CANTINA

On the sea, I have no choice but to obey them.
I know, we should get along.
We have long forgotten that they were criminals
Aren't we all getting along well?
Then,
Along with Mermato and Kubere, Azelprade went down the waterfall at the edge of the world
At that time, Rovisco wrote in his journal